

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

42. (Currently Amended) A seed planter comprising:

a frame ~~having~~ including a plurality of wheels for rolling over a surface of ground to be planted with seed;

a seed container for containing seed to be planted in the ground;

a support which is joined to the frame and to the seed container to transfer weight of the seed container to the frame, the support including at least one weight sensing devices which senses a weight of the seed container and any seed therein transferred through the support to the frame and which provides an output of sensed weight; ~~and~~

a display, coupled to the output, for displaying the weight of the seed contained in the seed container; and

a planting mechanism which receives seeds contained in the container and plants the seeds received from the container below the ground.

43. (Currently Amended) A method for modifying a seed planter ~~having~~ including a frame ~~having~~ including a plurality of wheels for rolling over a surface of ground to be planted with seed, ~~and~~ a seed container joined to the frame for containing the seed to be planted and a planting mechanism which receives seeds contained in the container and plants the seeds received from the container below the ground comprising:

separating the seed container from being joined to the frame;

positioning a support between the seed container and the frame to join the

support to the frame and to the seed container, the positioned support transferring weight of the seed container and any seed therein to the frame and including at least one weight sensing devices which senses a weight of the seed container and any seed ~~in the seed container~~ therein transferred through the support to the frame and which provides an output of the sensed weight; and

providing a display, which is coupled to the output of the sensed weight, on the seed planter for displaying the weight of the seed contained in the seed container; and wherein

~~the weight sensing devices comprise load cells for being loaded with weight transferred from the seed hopper container through the load cells to the frame.~~

44. (New) A planter in accordance with claim 42 wherein;

the at least one weight sensing device comprises at least one load cell for being loaded with weight of the container and any seed therein transferred from the seed container through the at least one load cell to the frame.

45. (New) A method in accordance with claim 43 wherein:

the at least one weight sensing device comprises at least one load cell for being loaded with weight of the container and any seed therein transferred from the seed container through the at least one load cell to the frame.

46. (New) A seed planter comprising:

a frame having a plurality of wheels for supporting the planter during rolling over a surface of ground to be planted with seed;

a container for containing seed to be planted in the ground;

a support which is joined to opposed sides of the frame and to spaced apart locations of the container to transfer weight of the container and any seed therein to

the frame, the support including at least one weight sensing device which senses a weight of the container and any seed therein transferred through the support to the frame and provides an output of the sensed weight; and

a display, coupled to the output, for displaying the weight of the seed contained in the container; and wherein

the at least one weight sensing device comprises at least one load cell associated with the support.

47. (New) A method for modifying a seed planter including a frame having a plurality of wheels for supporting the seed planter during rolling over a surface of ground to be planted with seed, a container joined to the frame for containing seed to be planted, and a planting mechanism which plants seeds received from the container below the ground comprising:

raising the container upward from the frame to separate the container from being joined to the frame;

positioning a support between the container and the frame to join the support to opposed sides of the frame and to spaced apart positions of the container to support the container in a raised position above the frame, the positioned support transferring weight of the container and any seed therein to the frame and including at least one weight sensing device which senses a weight of the container and any seed therein transferred through the support to the frame and which provides an output of the sensed weight of the container and any seed therein; and

providing a display on the planter for displaying the weight of the seed contained in the container; and wherein

the at least one weight sensing device comprises at least one load cell

associated with the support.

48. (New) A scale for use with a seed planter including a frame mounted on ground engaging wheels, a seed container for containing seed and being supported on the frame, a planting mechanism which plants the seeds contained in the container below the ground, the scale comprising at least one load cell that suspends the seed container from the frame, the at least one load cell being mounted so that an entire weight of the seed container and any seed therein is supported on the frame through at least one load cell; and a readout device operatively connected to at least one load cell so that the weight of the seed container and any seed therein causes deflections in the at least one load cell which are translated into measurable weight of the seed in the container displayed on the readout device.

49. (New) A scale for use with a seed planter having a frame mounted on ground engaging wheels, a seed container for containing seed and supported on the frame, a planting mechanism which plants the seeds contained in the container below the ground, the scale comprising at least one load cell that suspends the seed container from the frame so that an entire weight of the seed container and any seed therein is supported on the frame through the at least one load cell, and a readout device operatively connected to at least one load cell so that the weight of the seed container and any seed therein causes deflections in the at least one load cell which is translated into measurable weight of the seed in the container displayed on the readout device.